



ENSURING RURAL AMERICANS RECEIVE ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE

- Opposing the health insurance reform bill pushed through Congress this year – while reforms are needed, this bill was not the right approach – it costs too much and will have a negative outcome on rural health care.
- Member of the Rural Health Care Coalition, a bipartisan group of representatives who work to make sure Congress is not leaving rural America behind on health issues.
- Writing to Congressional leaders to spell out the priorities of rural health care – improving Medicare payments, encouraging the training for & hiring of rural doctors, improving rural ambulance services.
- Strengthening Medicare reimbursements for rural hospitals and doctors.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 362, the Rural Hospital Assistance Act, to improve inpatient Medicare reimbursements at small town hospitals.
- Cosponsoring legislation, H.R. 444, that would help rural hospitals gain access to more affordable prescription drugs.
- Cosponsoring a bill, H.R. 616, to exempt home town pharmacies and pharmacists from certain costly Medicare accreditation requirements.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 1204, the Community Pharmacy Fairness Act, which would help community pharmacies by allowing them to negotiate for better drug prices.